

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-25 are now present in this application, with new claims 16-25 being added by the present Preliminary Amendment. Claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. It should be noted that the amendments to original claims 1, 4-7 and 13-15 of the present application are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations. For example, amendments have been made to remove the multiple dependencies in the claims and to correct minor typographical errors.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-9 and 11-25 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

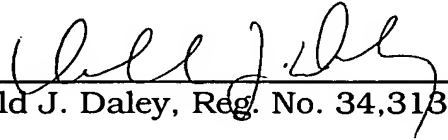
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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